

EXHIBIT 4: CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 04-07
Application No. 6029

A RESOLUTION OF THE EL CERRITO PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING THE CERRITO CREEK GREENWAY PROJECT PHASE II IN EL CERRITO, ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR IT.

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Cerrito Creek Greenway – Phase II project is to create the 0.6 mile portion of the Cerrito Creek Greenway located in the City of El Cerrito. This stretch will link the Ohlone Greenway to Creekside Park (at the City boundary at Pacific East Mall). Zoning for the project area is C-2-A (Central Commercial, A Combining District) and R-3 (Multi-Family Residential). An additional 0.3 miles of on-street bike route will also be designated as part of the Greenway alignment.
2. On July 21, 2003, the City Council adopted the Cerrito Creek Bay Trail Connector Master Plan in Resolution 2003-75A. The Master Plan outlined the route for the section of the trail in El Cerrito (now referred to as the Phase II project) and the remainder of the Greenway Connector Trail through Richmond and Albany to the Bay Trail.
3. On September 15, 2003, the City Council authorized the submittal of a grant to the San Francisco Bay Trail Regional Development Program to prepare plans for and begin construction of the Cerrito Creek Greenway (also known as the Cerrito Creek Bay Trail Connector Project).
4. On February 12, 2004, the Bay Trail Steering Committee approved the full Greenway Connector Trail as a Bay Trail segment and approved a grant for \$191,358 to fund this project.
5. The City prepared an Initial Study (SCH# 2004012082) to evaluate potential impacts of the project and permitting constraints. Based on the Initial Study, the City prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project with the finding that, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. The documents were prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 6, Sections 15070 through 15072 and are incorporated herein by reference.
6. A 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration was held from January 19, 2004 to February 17, 2004.
7. The Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on the project on February 4, 2004, at which time they reviewed and considered the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all reports, recommendations and testimony before them.
8. The Planning Commission adopted Resolution 04-05 indicating general intent to support adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, primarily for the purpose of indicating the City's intent to move forward with approval in advance of final grant funding authorization at the March 25 Coastal Conservancy Board meeting.
9. One letter commenting on the trail project was received during the review period from Orientation Center for the Blind located in Albany (part of the State of California Health

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and Human Services Agency, Department of Rehabilitation). The letter stated that the OCB does not favor having a multi-use trail go through its property; however, the project described in the Mitigated Negative Declaration does not include any segment through Albany, including the OCB property.

10. A revised Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared based on comments received from the public during the review period and the Planning Commission and public during the February 4, 2004 hearing.
11. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program required by CEQA (pursuant to sections 15091 and 15097) has been prepared based on the revised set of Mitigation Measures presented in the MND.
12. The California State Coastal Conservancy will consider final approval of the grant funds at the March 25 Board Meeting, pending the Planning Commission's approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

II. FINDINGS:

1. The City of El Cerrito Planning Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 6, Sections 15070 through 15072. There is no substantial evidence that the project will have any potentially significant adverse impacts. All potential impacts are less than significant, because the impacts which may have been potentially significant were reduced to a level of insignificance by the mitigation measures proposed.
2. The City of El Cerrito Planning Commission considered the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 6, Sections 15091 and 15097. The Reporting Program adequately ensures implementation of the proposed mitigation measures.
3. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was properly circulated on the corresponding public hearing was properly noticed in accord with CEQA. The Public Review Period was held from January 19, 2004 to February 17, 2004.

III. ACTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the above recitals are incorporated in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Cerrito Planning Commission does hereby find that:

A. The proposed project is within the scope of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. Environmental effects have been analyzed in an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration that determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. All potential impacts are less than significant, because the impacts which may

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have been potentially significant were reduced to a level of insignificance by the mitigation measures proposed.

B. The Mitigated Negative Declaration adequately describes the impacts of the project. Revisions were made to address public comments received.

C. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with State and local environmental laws and guidelines.

D. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is complete and adequate and reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis as to the environmental effects of the proposed project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Cerrito Planning Commission does hereby approve the Cerrito Creek Greenway Project Phase II in El Cerrito and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cerrito Creek Greenway Project and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for it.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the El Cerrito Planning Commission at a regular meeting held on March 3, 2004, upon motion of Commissioner ____, second by Commissioner ____:

AYES:

ABSENT:

Jennifer Carman, A.I.C.P.
Planning Manager

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PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

This mitigated negative declaration was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Guidelines (Public Resources Code, Division 13 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3) for the project, which is described below.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Project Proponent: City of El Cerrito
2. Proponent Phone Number: (510) 215-4330
3. Proponent Address: 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
4. Project Name: Cerrito Creek Greenway Connector Trail
5. Project Location: In El Cerrito (Contra Costa County) starting at the Ohlone Greenway at the southern boundary of El Cerrito Plaza and continuing west to the southwest boundary of El Cerrito (at Creekside Park).
6. Assessor Parcel Nos.: 504-170-017 & 016, 504-011-011 & 010
7. Staff Contact Person: Jill Keimach, AICP, Community Development Director
8. Staff Contact Phone Number: (510) 215-4330
9. General Plan Designation: Parks & Open Space; Commercial/ Mixed Use; High Density Residential
10. Zoning Designation: C-2-A Central Commercial "A" Combining District; R-3 Multi-Family Residential

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The Phase II project is to create the 0.6 mile portion of the Cerrito Creek Greenway located in the City of El Cerrito. This stretch will link the Ohlone Greenway to Creekside Park (at the City boundary at Pacific East Mall). It includes construction and designation of four key pedestrian and bicycle route/lane segments on approximately 1.52 acres, in combination with the use of existing paths. Benches, signage (interpretive, wayfinding, regulatory) and landscaping will be installed in addition to pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The full Greenway will link the Ohlone Greenway, a regional north-south trail, to the Bay Trail, via El Cerrito, Richmond (Contra Costa County) and Albany (Alameda County).

The project includes four key segments for construction and designation. Segment "A" is a creekside pedestrian pathway located along the southern boundary of El Cerrito at El Cerrito Plaza (see Figure 1). The 6- to 8-foot wide path is approximately 700 feet long, stretching three blocks from Talbot Avenue to Kains Avenue. Construction of the pathway will complete a key piece of the bicycle and pedestrian path/route running through El Cerrito Plaza from the Ohlone Greenway. The alignment for the path has already been constructed as part of the Cerrito Creek Restoration project along this stretch (completed December 2003). Proposed improvements include excavation to accommodate a sub-base, installation of a sub-base and trail edging, installation of a durable and ADA-accessible surface, replacement of disturbed vegetation, and installation of signage.

Segment "B" is a Caltrans Class I multi-use path at the secondary Plaza access drive off San Pablo Avenue and along San Pablo Avenue (see Figure 1). It will be ten feet wide and approximately 400 feet long. Proposed improvements include expansion of the existing sidewalk, installation of signage, and relocation of street lights along the San Pablo Avenue stretch. The path will connect bicycle and pedestrian path/routes through the plaza with San Pablo Avenue. At the south side of the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Carlson Boulevard, bicyclists and pedestrians will use a 75-foot crosswalk. Improvements to signalization and striping are proposed.

The Greenway will utilize existing sidewalk on the South side of Carlson Boulevard to begin the pedestrian connection between San Pablo Avenue and the City boundary at Creekside Park. Segment "C" continues off of Carlson as a pedestrian pathway from Adams Street to the City boundary (see Figure 2). It includes a pedestrian-only pathway for approximately 1,175 feet, varying in width from four to ten feet. Proposed improvements include: restriping the Adams Street dead-end entry and parking; repairing sections of the Adams Street sidewalk as necessary; repairing or resurfacing the existing creekside path between Adams Street and Creekside park, replacing fencing on both sides of the pathway; installing directional pavement stencils, constructing a new pedestrian pathway through creekside park, and providing trail lighting at Creekside Park. At the West end of Creekside Park, it then reconnects with the bicycle-only route (described as Segment "D") as a 100-foot long Caltrans Class I multi-use pathway terminating at the City boundary. This proposed improvement will include construction of the new multi-use pathway.

Segment "D" designates and constructs a bicycle lane/route/pathway from San Pablo Avenue to the City boundary at Creekside Park (see Figure 2). Bicyclists will first cross Carlson Boulevard via an improved crosswalk with refuge island. A striped, Caltrans Class II bike lane will be established on approximately the first 550 feet of Carlson Boulevard off of San Pablo Avenue (for both East and West travel lanes). Carlson improvements include travel lane reduction and a modified eastbound turn lane configuration. The intersection of Carlson Boulevard and Lassen Street will be converted to a stop-controlled intersection, requiring installation of stop signs and stop bar stripes. From Carlson, a Caltrans Class III on-road bike route will be designated for both the approximate 800-foot stretch of Lassen Street to Belmont Avenue and the 300-foot stretch of Belmont Avenue from Lassen Street to Creekside Park. Designation will include signage and on-road stenciling to indicate the route and the shared use of the roadway. At the

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end of Belmont Avenue, a Class I multiuse path will run for approximately 150 feet to the City boundary (connecting to the pedestrian-only path through Creekside Park for the last 100 feet, as described for Segment C). This improvement requires construction of the multi-use pathway.

The Cerrito Creek Greenway Connector Trail, starting with the length through El Cerrito that will be created in this Phase Two project, would reduce traffic by letting shoppers and workers move by foot and bicycle between two regional shopping centers, El Cerrito Plaza and the Pacific East Mall, as well as other nearby businesses. It would link trails with 8-acre Albany Hill Park and Creekside Park, provide safe transportation for students attending Albany Middle School on the Ohlone Greenway, and allow residents in the many nearby apartment buildings to enjoy nature and the creek.

C. DRAFT DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation,

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I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

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I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

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I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

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I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Community Development Director (Signature)

Date

Printed Name

D. PROJECT SETTING:

The greenway project is along the southern boundary of the recently redeveloped El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center (west of San Pablo Avenue) and a residential area at the southern boundary of the City of El Cerrito (west of San Pablo Avenue). For much of the length, the greenway runs adjacent to Cerrito Creek. To the east is the BART right-of-way; to the south are professional office uses, residential uses, and the Albany Hill Open Space; to the west is commercial development.

E. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES APPROVAL:

The project involves two segments (Segment A and Segment B) adjacent to Cerrito Creek. A permit may be required from the State of California Department of Fish and Game for improvements in the riparian zone. The Regional Water Quality Control Board and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will also have jurisdiction over impacts on Cerrito Creek.

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F. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1. Aesthetics. Would the project:

- Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?
- Substantially damage a scenic resource, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?
- Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?
- Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
			X
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			X
		X	

Discussion:

- The length of trail is not part of a scenic vista. It is inconspicuous west of San Pablo Avenue because it is lower than the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center parking lot and it is screened from view from the south by existing development. East of San Pablo, it is inconspicuous because it is screened from the residential development by fences and will not interfere with view from Creekside Park. The project includes improvements at grade and landscaping, which will improve the appearance along Cerrito Creek.
- The site does not have scenic resources, and thus none will be affected.
- The project will improve the visual quality of the site, and thus have no adverse impact.
- Downshield lighting is proposed along the Greenway segment at Creekside Park. The downsheild variety will have a less than significant impact because it reduces light pollution.

2. Agriculture Resources. Would the project:

- Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
			X
			X
			X

Discussion: a through c: The site is in a long-urbanized area. The project is not occupied by, nor is it near, any agricultural land uses. The project will have no impact regarding this issue. Reference: El Cerrito General Plan Land Use and Circulation Diagram, General Plan page 4-13, which indicates that no land in El Cerrito is designated for agricultural uses.

- ### 3. Air Quality. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:
- Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
 - Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?
 - Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria

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- pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?
- d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?
- e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

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		X	

Discussion: a, b, & c: The project involves minimal surfacing of pathways, which would generate less than significant air pollution.

d: During construction, excavation and pavement rehabilitation/replacement may result in release of particulates which could potentially affect residents in the housing to the south (at El Cerrito Plaza) or north (west of San Pablo Avenue). This potential impact is will be mitigated by Mitigation Measure AQ-1.

e: One-time odors of paving materials may be perceived by a small number of residences south of the pathway along Cerrito Creek at El Cerrito Plaza and north of the pathway along El Cerrito Creek just east of Creekside park.

4. Biological Resources. Would the project:

- a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?
- c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- f. Conflict with the provision of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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Discussion: a through f: Construction of the path does not include habitat modifications. The El Cerrito General Plan EIR does not identify the City's creeks as potential anadromous fish habitat. The path alignment adjacent to Cerrito Creek at El Cerrito Plaza was already prepared as part of the Creek Restoration project completed in 2003, so no further alterations will impact the habitat.

b. Where the path is adjacent to Cerrito Creek west of San Pablo Avenue, the waterway is currently degraded, with previous bank stabilization in place along the pathway that will undergo rehabilitation and construction. Upon a certified engineer's inspection, if the construction is determined to have a likely impact on the stability of the reinforced creek bank, the pathway will be reengineered. See Mitigation Measure BIO-1. This could include anchoring the pathway only on the north edge using a cantilevered design to avoid any footings or other soil disturbances on the south edge of the path (at the existing creek bank edge). This work adjacent to the creek will be performed consistent with requirements of the California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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5. Cultural Resources. Would the project:				
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				X
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				X
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				X

Discussion: a through d: There are no known cultural resources in the project area. Work on the segment at El Cerrito Plaza is covered under the cultural resources requirements of mitigation measure C-1 adopted by the Planning Commission in Planning Commission resolution PC99 – 10, approving new construction at the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center (Exhibit C City of El Cerrito Planning Commission Resolution PC99-10).

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6. Geology and Soils. Would the project:				
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
1. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.			X	
2. Strong seismic ground shaking?			X	
3. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				X
4. Landslides?			X	
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?			X	
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?		X		
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				X
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				X

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Discussion: a.1, a.2, a.3, a.4: With respect to seismic-related hazard of ground rupture, ground failure/liquefaction, and landslide, there will be a less-than-significant impact. In the event of strong seismic shaking, there will be a less-than-significant impact; no structures are located within the alignment. The existing commercial and residential structures adjacent to Adams Street and along the pedestrian path from Adams Street to Creekside park are the only structures close to the pathway.

b: With the restoration of the stretch of creek at El Cerrito Plaza the banks have undergone extensive stabilization and erosion control, primarily with boulders at the toe of the creek and extensive vegetation. Work on this stretch is covered under the water quality requirements of mitigation measures HW-1, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, and HW-2, Storm Water Runoff Best Management Practices, adopted by the Planning Commission in Planning Commission resolution PC99 – 10, dated June 2, 1999, approving new construction at the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center. The Cerrito Creek Greenway project will incorporate erosion control in compliance with the measures adopted by the Planning Commission. (Exhibit C City of El Cerrito Planning Commission Resolution PC99-10). The stretch of creek west of San Pablo has experienced erosion over time, however, the banks have been stabilized historically with stone and concrete. In order to prevent new or further erosion problems, a storm water pollution prevention plan and stormwater runoff best management practices will be adopted (see Mitigation Measure GEO-1).

c and d: No substantial risks of instability or exposure of risk to life or property will occur as a result of the project. Thus there will be no impact (Reference: Report from Environmental H2Ology, June 23, 2000.)

e: Sewer systems are available for the disposal of waste water, and this project does not generate waste water.

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7. Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Would the project:				
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				X
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X

Discussion: a through c: The project is limited to trail improvements, and does not involve storage or use of any hazardous materials. Thus the project does not have a potential for a significant impact due to exposure to hazardous materials.

d.: The project site is not on the list of hazardous sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

e. The project will not result in safety hazards related to aviation because the nearest airport is several miles away to the south, in Oakland.

f. The project will not result in hazards due to proximity to a private airstrip because there are no private airstrips in the vicinity of the project.

g. The project will not reduce or impede access to the street system, and will not create any obstacles to emergency response.

h. The project is in an urbanized area of the City of El Cerrito, buffered from exposure to wildland fires by extensive surrounding urban development. Reference: City of El Cerrito General Plan Land Use and Circulation Diagram, General Plan page 4-13

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8. Hydrology and Water Quality. Would the project:

- Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?
- Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?
- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?
- Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?
- Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?
- Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?
- Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?
- Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?
- Expose people or structures to a significance risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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Discussion: a through i: The project will have a less than significant impact. At the El Cerrito Plaza location, the path is part of a restoration project where there was previously an expanse of concrete or the path is expanding sidewalk into what is now paved roadway. West of San Pablo Avenue, the path is replacing an existing (but dilapidated) pathway, or is limited to six to ten feet surrounded by pervious area. Work on the site will be covered under either: (1) the water quality requirements of mitigation measures HW-1, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, and HW-2, Storm Water Runoff Best Management Practices, adopted by the Planning Commission in Planning Commission resolution PC99 – 10, dated June 2, 1999, approving new construction at the El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center (Exhibit C City of El Cerrito Planning Commission Resolution PC99-10); or (2) Mitigation Measure GEO-1. Where economically feasible, the project will also strive to utilize more pervious paving alternatives. (Reference: Report by Environmental H2Ology dated June 23, 2000.)

9. Land Use and Planning. Would the project:

- Physically divide an established community?
- Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?
- Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

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Discussion: a through c: The project will improve walking and bicycling connections in the community by providing an east-west connection between the Ohlone Greenway and the City boundary at Creekside Park. Providing a trail connection with park-like surroundings will increase the number of trail users. Increasing pedestrian and bicycle travel is consistent with the City's efforts to encourage non-automobile travel and to provide alternatives to automobile travel. (General Plan Goal T1, policies T1.3, T1.4; General Plan EIR page A-18 - Transportation mitigation implementation measure Travel Demand Management – "Reduce the percentage of trips made by automobile and provide the opportunity and facilities to divert trips from automobiles to other modes.") The project is consistent with applicable zoning and General Plan provisions.

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10. Mineral Resources. Would the project:				
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				X

Discussion: a and b: The project will have no effect upon mineral resources as there are no mineral extraction activities or mineral resources in the vicinity of the project. The City of El Cerrito General Plan, Chapter 7, Resources and Hazards does not identify any mineral resources.

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11. Noise. Would the project result in:				
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				X
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			X	
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?		X		
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

Discussion: a,b,c,d, e,f: The project will not generate noise in excess of City of El Cerrito General Plan noise standards. Construction activities would result in a temporary increase in ambient noise. Construction activities include excavation for the pathway, removal of asphalt and concrete on existing sections of the path that will be renovated, surfacing/paving of the path, and installation of fencing along sections west of San Pablo Avenue. Removal of the old asphalt would be the most significant noise generating activity, and may involve limited use of impact tools such as jackhammers. No pile driving is proposed and, thus, would not represent either a noise or groundborne vibration source, although impact tools could generate less-than-significant localized vibrations. The noise resulting from construction activities would vary from hour-to-hour daily and by phase of construction. Construction activities identified above generate maximum noise levels of 75 to 85 dBA measured at a distance of 50 feet and hourly average noise levels typically about 10 dBA lower. Such levels would substantially increase existing ambient levels at the residences located south of the proposed path along El Cerrito Plaza and north of Cerrito Creek just east of Creekside Park. Construction activities, however, are limited in scope and would be expected to be completed within one construction season. Mitigation measure N.1, as well as mitigation measures identified by the General Plan EIR, would reduce short-term construction-related noise to a less-than-significant level.

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12. Population and Housing. Would the project:

- Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?
- Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
			X
			X
			X

Discussion: a through c: The project is limited to improving pedestrian and bicycle access, and does not have any housing/population consequences. Reference: Project site plan.

13. Public Services.

- Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
 - Fire protection?
 - Police protection?
 - Schools?
 - Parks?
 - Other public facilities?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
			X
		X	
			X
		X	
			X

Discussion: a.1, a.3, and a.5: The project will not have affects upon fire protection, schools, or other public facilities because it does not generate demand for such services.

a.2 & a4: The Greenway will provide additional recreation facilities to the community. The project will not make policing more difficult or require increased staffing because the project is relatively small, it will be readily accessible from public streets, and improvements are likely to increase safety due to lighting and expected increased usage during daytime hours. Reference: Project site plan

14. Recreation.

- Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
- Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
		X	
		X	

Discussion: a and b: The Greenway adds to the City's recreational facilities and provides improved access to Hillside Park and Albany Hill Park. The project is a relatively small improvement to existing facilities, and will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

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15. Transportation/Traffic. Would the project:				
a. Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				X
b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				X
Discussion: a, b: The project will have no adverse affect such as substantial increase in traffic, or traffic in excess of an established level of service standard, a change in air traffic pattern because the project will generate no new vehicular traffic.				
c. The project does not involve any air traffic.				
d. The path design will be consistent with established engineering practice for safety and visibility.				
e. The project will not change emergency access in the project vicinity.				
f. The project does not affect parking capacity				
g. The project supports alternative transportation.				

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
16. Utilities and Service Systems. Would the project:				
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?			X	
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				X
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulation related to solid waste?				X
Discussion: a, b, and d through g: The project will have none of the listed impact because it does not generate new water demand or waste water.				
c: The project will not require or result in construction of new storm water drainage facilities. Minimal runoff from new lengths of path will be intercepted by vegetated areas.				

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
17. Mandatory Findings of Significance				
The project sponsor made or agreed to revisions in the project plans or approvals before this mitigated negative declaration and initial study were released for public review. These revisions avoid significant environmental effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur. Mitigation measures are described in Mitigation Measures section below. Therefore, there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.				
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X		
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				X
c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			X	

G. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION:

The project provides substantial benefits, including environmental benefits, to the community, as well as potentially adverse impacts. Following are discussions of the project's environmental benefits and potential adverse impacts.

Environmental benefits:

The project will provide the following benefits to the community:

- Create a pedestrian/bicycle greenway mostly adjacent to Cerrito Creek, with links to parks, homes, businesses, and schools, and eventual links to the San Francisco Bay Trail. This greenway provides a transit alternative and recreational amenity, both of which can improve human and environmental health.
- Provide well-guided visibility and access to the Cerrito Creek Restoration project completed in December 2003.
- Inform the public about the significant history and ecology of Cerrito Creek with appropriate signs.

Potential Adverse Impacts: The project will not have any potentially significant adverse impacts. All potential impacts are less than significant, because the impacts which may have been potentially significant were reduced to a level of insignificance by the mitigation measures proposed below and the mitigation measures adopted by the City of El Cerrito Planning Commission in Resolution PC 99-10 included by reference below. Specific mitigations adopted in Resolution PC99-10 incorporated into this project are AQ-1, N-1, HW-1 and HW-2. These are discussed above in sections F.5 Cultural Resources, F.8 Water Quality, and F.11 Noise.

I. POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:

There are no potentially significant impacts as a result of this project.

II. MITIGATION OF POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:

Mitigation Measure AQ-1: During the construction phases of the proposed project, the construction contractor shall implement dust control measures based on Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: A certified engineer's inspection shall be done in advance of construction to determine if construction would have a potential impact on the stability of the reinforced creek bank and reviewed and approved by the City Building Official and City Engineer. If necessary, the pathway will be reengineered to the City Engineer's satisfaction. All work adjacent to the creek shall be consistent with requirements of the California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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Mitigation Measure GEO-1: A storm water pollution prevention plan and stormwater runoff best management practices shall be adopted to ensure that construction on the trail west of San Pablo Avenue shall not cause erosion or instability of the stream bank.

Mitigation Measure N-1: The following measures shall be incorporated into all project construction specifications:

- a) Prohibit construction between the hours of 7:30 PM and 7:00 AM.
- b) Equip all internal combustion engine-driven equipment with mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.
- c) Locate stationary noise-generation equipment as far as possible from sensitive receptors.
- d) During demolition activities involving impact tools (such as jackhammers and hoe rams), temporary noise control barriers shall be erected around the impact tools to shield occupants of adjacent buildings. Potential noise barrier materials include noise control blankets, heavy vinyl sheets, plywood, or other suitable materials.
- e) If the use of impact tools continues to disturb occupants of adjacent buildings, even after implementation of this mitigation measure, scheduling shall be used to mitigate the impact. The Disturbance Coordinator shall determine the best time to use impacts tools based on input from the neighboring residents who are bothered by the noise.
- f) Route construction traffic to and from the project using main roadways where possible, as determined by city staff.
- g) The city shall designate a disturbance coordinator, who shall be responsible for responding to any complaints about construction noise. The disturbance coordinator shall determine the cause of the noise complaint (such as starting too early, bad muffler, etc.) and institute reasonable measures warranted to correct the problem. The telephone number and name of the disturbance coordinator shall be posted conspicuously at each construction site.

III. REFERENCES

1. City of El Cerrito General Plan, adopted August 30, 1999
2. City of El Cerrito Zoning Ordinance
3. Cerrito Creek Bay Trail Connector Feasibility Study, September 2003
4. City of El Cerrito Cerrito Creek Design Objectives
5. Hydrology Report by Environmental H2Ology, dated June 23, 2000
6. City of El Cerrito Planning Commission Resolution PC99-10
7. City of El Cerrito General Plan EIR

V. DOCUMENT PREPARATION

Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study prepared by: Heather Koch, Environmental Planner

Exhibits:

- A. Location Map
- B. Greenway Plan
- C. Planning Commission Resolution PC 99-10

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<p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <p><i>Mitigation Measure AQ-1:</i> During the construction phases of the proposed project, the construction contractor shall implement dust control measures based on Bay Area Air Quality Management District guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever possible, use dust-proof chutes for loading construction debris onto trucks; • Use watering to control dust generation during demolition of structures (e.g. existing fencing) and break-up of pavement; • Suspend dust-producing activities during periods of high winds when dust control measures are unable to avoid visible dust plumes; • During the dry season (May-October), provide equipment and staffing for watering of all exposed or disturbed soil surfaces at least twice daily; • Water or cover stockpiles of debris, soil, sand, or other materials that can be blown by the wind; • Require daily clean-up of mud and dirt carried onto paved streets from the site; • Cover or wet down any fine materials transported by truck to control dust; • Limit the speed of all construction vehicles to 15 miles per hour while traveling on unpaved surfaces; and • Water all inactive portions of the site with an appropriate dust suppressant, and cover or seed these areas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. 2. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. 3. City contractor would implement during construction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development 2. Public Works 3. Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. 2. Prior to approval of construction contract. 3. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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<p><u>Biological Resources</u></p> <p><i>Mitigation Measure BIO-1:</i> The pedestrian pathway along the creek west of San Pablo Avenue shall be designed to minimize impacts to the stability of the creek. A certified engineer's inspection shall be done in advance of construction to determine if construction would have a potential impact on the stability of the reinforced creek bank and reviewed and approved by the City Building Official and City Engineer. If necessary, the pathway will be reengineered to the City Engineer's satisfaction. All work adjacent to the creek shall be consistent with requirements of the California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A certified engineer performs inspection. 2. City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. 3. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. 4. City will communicate plans to Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and obtain permits if necessary. 5. City contractor complies with design requirements during construction 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Works 2. Community Development 3. Public Works 4. Community Development 5. Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At start of final design and engineering phase of project. 2. Review plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. 3. Prior to approval of construction contract. 4. During of final design and engineering phase of project. 5. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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<p><u>Cultural Resources</u></p> <p><i>Mitigation Measure CR-1:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any site excavation in areas suspected of containing archaeological resources, a qualified archaeologist shall be retained to monitor the ground-disturbing activities. In the event that subsurface cultural resources are encountered during approved ground-disturbing activities, work in the immediate vicinity must be stopped and a qualified archaeologist contacted to evaluate the finds. The discovery or disturbance of any cultural resources should also be reported to the California Archaeological Inventory, and the Native American Heritage Commission. Identified cultural resources should be recorded on forms DPR 422 (archaeological sites) and/or DPR 523 (historic properties). Mitigation measures prescribed by these groups and required by the City should be undertaken prior to resumption of construction activities. If human remains are found, inform the Native American Heritage Commission, the County Coroner, and representatives of local Native American groups, and coordinate further actions with them. If the resources are determined to be significant, an appropriate mitigation program that would involve data recovery or salvaging shall be implemented. A report describing the investigation and identification, testing, and mitigation, if conducted, shall be submitted to the California Archaeological Inventory, Northwest Information Center. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. City contractor complies with mitigation requirements during construction City outlines additional management measures necessary if subsurface cultural resources are encountered during site work, human remains are found, or if resources are determined to be significant. City contractor complies with any additional mitigation measures prescribed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Public Works Public Works Public Works & Community Development Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. Prior to approval of construction contract. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. Communication during construction period. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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<p><u>Geology and Soils</u></p> <p><i>Mitigation Measure GEO-1:</i> A storm water pollution prevention plan shall be adopted to ensure that construction of the trail shall not cause erosion or instability of the stream bank or create impacts to water quality.</p> <p>Prior to issuance of a building permit, the project sponsor will file a Notice of Intent for coverage under the State General Construction Activity Storm Water Permit. The permit sponsor will be required to prepare, retain on each construction site, and implement a SWPPP which describes the site, erosion and sediment controls, means of material storage and waste disposal, implementation of approved local plans, post-construction control measures and maintenance responsibilities, and non-storm water management controls.</p> <p>Preparation of the SWPPP will follow the City of El Cerrito's management guidelines for NPDES compliance. The SWPPP will be prepared by an erosion control professional and submitted to the City of El Cerrito Community Development Department for review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit. The SWPPP will be implemented and inspected as part of the approval process for the grading plans. BMPs which could be implemented as part of the SWPPP could include, but would not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduction of the area and length of time that the path is cleared and graded; • revegetation/stabilization of cleared areas as soon as possible; • implementation of comprehensive erosion, dust and sediment controls such as straw bale dikes, silt fences, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. 2. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. 3. City contractor would implement during construction 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development 2. Public Works 3. Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review plans and specifications prior to final approval and advertising for bids. 2. Prior to approval of construction contract. 3. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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<p>sediment traps, placing tarps over excavated materials;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• implementation of a program to control potential construction activity pollutants such as concrete, asphalt, paints and solvents, fuel and lubricating oils, pesticides and herbicides; and• implementation of a hazardous materials spill, prevention, control and cleanup program. <p><i>Mitigation Measure GEO-2:</i> Stormwater runoff best management practices shall be adopted to ensure that construction of the trail shall not cause erosion or instability of the stream bank or create impacts to water quality. As part of final project design, the SWPPP will include appropriate BMPs selected by the City from the City-adopted guidelines for New and Redevelopment Controls for Storm Water Programs and could include a combination of the following BMPs, or equally effective measures for the ongoing operation of project facilities:</p> <p>limit land disturbance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use permeable paving;• reduce the use of impervious surfaces;• limit fertilizers and use properly• avoid use of pesticides and herbicides• clean and/or sweep parking lots and roadways on a regular basis;• incorporate peak flow reduction and infiltration practices, such as grass swales, infiltration trenches, and grass filter strips;• label storm drain inlets in project area to educate the public of the adverse impacts associated with dumping on				

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<p>receiving waters (e.g., “No Dumping! Flows to Cerrito Creek!”);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> landscape using warm season grasses and drought-tolerant vegetation wherever feasible to reduce demand for irrigation and thereby reduce irrigation runoff; and/or install efficient irrigation systems in landscaped areas to minimize runoff and evaporation and maximize the water that will reach plant roots. Such irrigation systems include drip irrigation, soil moisture sensors, and automatic irrigation systems. 				
<p><u>Noise</u></p> <p><i>Mitigation Measure N-1:</i> The following measures shall be incorporated into all project construction specifications:</p> <p>a) Prohibit construction between the hours of 7:30 PM and 7:00 AM.</p> <p>b) Equip all internal combustion engine-driven equipment with mufflers that are in good condition and appropriate for the equipment.</p> <p>c) Locate stationary noise-generation equipment as far as possible from sensitive receptors.</p> <p>d) During demolition activities involving impact tools (such as jackhammers and hoe rams), temporary noise control barriers shall be erected around the impact tools to shield occupants of adjacent buildings. Potential noise barrier materials include noise control blankets, heavy vinyl sheets, plywood, or other suitable materials.</p> <p>e) If the use of impact tools continues to disturb occupants of adjacent buildings, even after implementation of this</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. 2. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. 3. City contractor would implement during construction 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development 2. Public Works 3. Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. 2. Prior to approval of construction contract. 3. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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<p>mitigation measure, scheduling shall be used to mitigate the impact. The Disturbance Coordinator shall determine the best time to use impacts tools based on input from the neighboring residents who are bothered by the noise.</p> <p>f) Route construction traffic to and from the project using main roadways where possible, as determined by city staff.</p> <p>g) The city shall designate a disturbance coordinator, who shall be responsible for responding to any complaints about construction noise. The disturbance coordinator shall determine the cause of the noise complaint (such as starting too early, bad muffler, etc.) and institute reasonable measures warranted to correct the problem. The telephone number and name of the disturbance coordinator shall be posted conspicuously at each construction site.</p>				
<p><u>Transportation/Traffic</u></p> <p>Mitigation Measure TT-1. On Carlson Boulevard, redesign shall accommodate the east- and west-bound bike lanes on Carlson while maintaining two vehicular travel lanes in each direction near the intersection of San Pablo Avenue (approaching and departing from San Pablo Avenue).” At a maximum, two lanes in each direction will be maintained between Carlson and Lassen.</p> <p>A more detailed traffic and design analysis shall be conducted during the project's final design and engineering document preparation phase to determine if it is feasible and appropriate to: (1) configure the westbound segment from Carlson to Lassen Street as two lanes merging to a single lane; (2) configure the eastbound segment from Lassen to Carlson as a single lane expanding to two lanes; (3) construct a landscaped median if any lanes can be removed; and (4)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of El Cerrito incorporates into project plans and specifications. 2. City includes this mitigation into all contracts involved in site preparation and development activities. 3. City contractor complies with design requirements during construction 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Development 2. Public Works 3. Public Works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review plans and specifications prior to advertising for bids. 2. Prior to approval of construction contract. 3. Site monitoring during construction by Public Works. 	

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obtain an easement on vacant property to provide room for either (a) a segment of median and pedestrian/bicyclist refuge island approaching the intersection or (b) for a dedicated right turn lane.				